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**Subject:** Letter of Appeal

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Dear Sir or Madam:  
Attached if a Letter of Appeal in Microsoft Word format

RE:CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and CC Docket Nos. 97-21  
Appeal of Funding Commitment Decision Letter  
Form 471 Application Number: 298121  
FRN: 766834  
Funding Year: 07/01/2002-06/30/2003  
Billed Entity Number: 226224  
Applicant's Form Identifier: Yr5  
Service Provider: Dell Marketing LP  
SPIN#: 143004340

Thank you for taking time to review this matter.

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Appeal of Funding Commitment Decision Letter  
Form **471** Application Number: **298121**  
FRN: **766834**  
Funding Year: **07/01/2002-06/30/2003**  
Billed Entity Number: **226224**  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to appeal the modification of funding for the FRN in the aforementioned Funding Commitment Decision Letter.

POWERSVAULT #174 External SCSI Array was considered to be an ineligible product, and therefore the dollars requested were reduced.

The proposed network for this alternative population of students relies on a "BlackBoard"-like portal that would be housed on the array. Without the portal, students would not be able to get the information from the Internet that we have identified for their curriculum. Without the array, classroom access to the Internet is seriously curtailed. (Traditionally storage such as a storage array is disallowed during the selection process.

Our case is unique because of the type of students educated at our facility. They are the students that cannot function in a regular school setting because of behavioral issues. We are having great success using a technology-rich format for our classes. Due to our uniqueness, we believe that we meet the "eligible file server" criteria definition under the STORAGE PRODUCTS category of the Eligible Services List. In our school, it is a necessity that the BlackBoard portal be used to "facilitate Internet connectivity", because of the population being served. Thank you for taking the time to consider this appeal.

Sincerely,

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